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## **Sen. McManus introduces new child passenger safety rules**

**LANSING** – Children would be required to sit in booster seats until they were eight years old or 4 feet 9 inches tall under legislation introduced in the Michigan Senate by Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

Senate Bill 183 would require all children over the age of four to be in booster seats until they were at least 4 feet 9 inches tall or reached their eighth birthday, whichever came first.

“I am committed to helping keep our children safe,” McManus said. “I hope to see this legislation become law soon so Michigan’s children can begin to enjoy more security on the road.”

Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of accidental death for children up to age 15 according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. In 2002, 49 children under age 15 died and 7,232 were injured in traffic crashes in Michigan.

SB 183 was referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation.

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